Sarvapriya Yojana

1232. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarvapriya Yojana is being implemented in Karnataka to distribute 11 essential commodities under PDS;

(b) if so, places where the above Yojana has been implemented and the number of beneficiaries;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the essential commodities to be supplied by Government under the above Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that they have launched a scheme called "COMNAP" on 24.7.2000 which has similar objectives as the Sarvapriya. Under the State Government scheme, fifteen items are being distributed by the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. The items being distributed under the State Government scheme are as under:

Toordall, sunflower oil, palmolein, groundnut oil, coconut oil, wholesome atta, rava, maida, ragi, iodised crystalised salt, iodised table salt, soaps and cleaning power, tata tea, match box and domestic cylinder of 5.5 kgs. capacity.

(d) Under the Sarvapriya Yojana being implemented by the NCCF, the eleven commodities identified for distribution are arhar dal, gram dal, malka red, urad whole, salt, tea, toilet soaps, detergent cake, exercise notebooks, edible oil and tooth paste.

Sale in Fair Price Shops

1233. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a significant decrease in sale in Fair Price Shops through Public Distribution System in the capital;

(b) if so, the details of the sales through FPS in Delhi, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the decrease in sales; and

(d) whether a similar trend has also been observed in other metros as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in food subsidy bill

1234. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the food subsidy bill has registered 325 per cent increase in seven years;

(b) whether no accounts are maintained to check whether subsidy actually went towards feeding the poor; and

(c) the amount lost on "transit shortages" and "regularisation of shortages" during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) During 1996-97 the total food subsidy released was Rs. 5,166 crore whereas during 2002-03 the total food subsidy released was Rs. 24,176 crore which is an increase of 368 per cent.

(b) No, Sir. The accounts of the quantities of foodgrains distributed under the various schemes are maintained by the Government of India. However, the responsibility of ensuring that the foodgrains reach the actual beneficiaries lies with the State Government.

(c) The value of transit loss for the last three years are as under:—